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MISSOULA MAN WINS UM'S MERRIAM-FRONTIER AWARD FOR SHORT STORIES

MISSOULA --

David Horgan, a University of Montana graduate student in creative writing, has won UM's fifth Merriam-Frontier Award for a manuscript of short stories entitled "The Golden West Trio Plus One."

In addition to writing, Horgan is also a musician with the Big Sky Mudflaps, a Missoula-based jazz and swing ensemble. Although he has written songs and music reviews, this is Horgan's first collection of short stories.

The Merriam-Frontier Award includes \$250 cash, publication of the manuscript and its distribution throughout the Northwest. Copies will be available in local bookstores.

H. G. Merriam, longtime UM professor and professor emeritus of English until his death in 1980, established the award to recognize the work of outstanding student writers at UM. Merriam edited the quarterly journal "Frontier" and helped start many now-famous writers on their careers.

Those who wish to contribute to the Merriam-Frontier Award fund may do so by calling the UM Foundation at 243-2593.

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